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SUBJECT: COMMENT ON ANTUNES VISIT

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1. ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIAL, THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO SWEDEN OF PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES MAY 21-22 WILL BE EXTREMELY THIN ON SUBSTANCE. THE OFFICIAL, AMERICAN-WEST EUROPEAN DESK OFFICER LARS AKE NILSSON TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT ANTUNES WILL BE ARRIVING FROM OSLO LATER AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY, MAY 21, AND WILL MEET FIRST BRIEFLY WITH PRIME MINISTER PALME AND THEN
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WITH MFA OFFICIALS DURING REMAINDER OF AFTERNOON, TO

BE FOLLOWED BY DINNER IN HIS HONOR. FOLLOWING DAY,
SATURDAY, WILL BE DEVOTED TO TOURISM, NILSSON SAID, AND
ANTUNES WILL THEN DEPART EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.

2. NILSSON COMMENTED THAT SWEDES HAD LOST SOME OF THEIR
INITIAL ENTHUSIASM FOR VISIT IN VIEW OF "NINETY-FIVE
PERCENT CERTAINTY" THAT ANTUNES WILL BE OUT AS FOREIGN
MINISTER FOLLOWING ELECTIONS FOR PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT.
HE SAID SWEDES SEE VISIT AS EFFORT BY ANTUNES TO
STRENGTHEN HIS POSITION IN PORTUGAL, ADDING THAT GOS
UNDERSTANDS ANTUNES IS ANGLING FOR POSITION OF CHAIRMAN
OF ARMED FORCES POLITICAL COMMISSION.
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